

REMARKS

In their decision on appeal, the Board affirmed the examiner's final rejection of claims 1-20 and 31-73. In response thereto, certain claims of the present application have been amended. For example, claim 1 has been amended to recite a communication interface coupled to a local policy enforcement device to transmit to a central agency location information related to a failure to meet a local policy guideline for an acceptable location of the apparatus and to receive from the central agency a signal to enable the use of the apparatus if the location information complies with a remote policy guideline for an acceptable location of the apparatus, the remote policy other than the local policy.

Hertel does not teach or suggest a remote policy. For example, Hertel discusses transmission to a central monitoring station, but he does not analyze data at the central monitoring station. *See, e.g.*, column 5, lines 53-67. Johnson does not have a local policy and remote policy regarding acceptable locations for an apparatus, the two policies defining different acceptable parameters. Rather, as explained by the Board, a central monitoring station allows operation based on the verification of an occupant. *See* Decision on Appeal, page 4. Thus, Johnson does not have two different policies based on location where the location policies are not identical. Accordingly, amended claim 1 and claims dependent thereon are patentable over Hertel in view of Johnson.

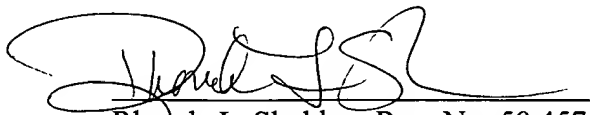
Similarly, independent claims 31, 41, 51, 61, and 65 are all distinguished over Hertel in view of Johnson along with their respective dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, the application is now in condition for allowance. The examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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